REMARKS

Applicant hereby replies to the Office Action mailed on December 30, 2004, within the three month shortened period. Claims 1-11 and 13-35 were pending in the application, all of which were rejected by the Examiner. Upon entry of the foregoing amendments, Claims 1-11 and 13-35 are pending. No new matter is added in this Reply. Applicant asserts that the application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the pending claims is requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Examiner rejects claims 19-24 under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Regarding independent claim 19, the Examiner states that "it does not make sense when the claimed limitation addresses that 'obtaining a user identification corresponding to a plurality of user profiles from a fill server' (lines 3-4) since a user identification can correspond to a plurality of user profiles." Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection; however, to expedite prosecution, Applicant amends claim 19 to clarify "a user identification corresponding to a user profile."

The Examiner rejects dependent claims 20-24 for fully incorporating the deficiencies of their base claim. Claims 20-24 variously depend from claim 19, so Applicant's amendment to independent claim 19 eliminates any deficiencies in claims 20-24.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner next rejects claims 1-11 and 13-35 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Markus (U.S. Patent No. 6,490,601). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

The Examiner asserts that Markus discloses all of the steps of independent claim 1. Markus is limited to automatically filling in form fields of an electronic document by a user creating a profile, wherein the profile contains information that would be commonly used to fill out an online form such as, for example, first and last name, address, telephone number, email address, credit card number, etc. When the user subsequently accesses an online form that has been previously mapped by a privacy bank, a profile bundle is created and transmitted to the user's browser application, where data elements from the bundle are inserted into the various form fields as indicated by the map. However, in order for a form to be filled, the owner of the form must register it with the

privacy bank. The form is then mapped according to the form owner's submission of field names, which are then matched with standard field names that are stored within the privacy bank. According to Markus, "This mapping is created when a merchant or service provider decides to become an affiliate member of the privacy bank service. During the registration process the merchant tells privacy bank which forms it wants to register and the field names in those forms, which are then paired with privacy bank standardized names." (column 14, lines 38-43). Markus recites that a signature is attached to mapped forms and when such forms are accessed by a registered user, the signature is used to retrieve the corresponding map from a database on the privacy server. Data from the profile bundle is then used to fill in form fields according to the map. Markus does not disclose an automated map generator wherein form maps are dynamically created. As such, Markus does not disclose or suggest "dynamically generating a form map, wherein said form map identifies an association between user data and a field in the electronic form" as similarly recited by amended independent claims 1, 11, 19, 30 and 34.

The dependent claims include all the limitations of the amended independent claims, so the dependent claims are patentable for at least the same reasons for differentiating the independent claims from Markus, as well as in view of their own respective features.

Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application is thus requested. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-2814. Applicant invites the Office to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner has any questions regarding this Resply or the present application in general.

Respectfully submitted,

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